

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2021/301

In the Matter of Recognizing Monument Impact for their 20 years of service to our community.

WHEREAS, Monument Impact has served over 90,000 immigrants and refugees since its inception in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the early iteration of the Monument Community Partnership and its economic arm, Monument Futures, established a hiring hall with a goal of building economic opportunity for day laborers, as well as community leadership through Neighborhood Action Teams; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Action Teams evolved into Monument Impact's current Community Engagement Programs focusing on immigrant rights and housing justice; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Monument Futures was renamed the Michael Chavez Center for Economic Opportunity in honor of the late Concord Councilmember; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, in response to the Great Recession, their Workforce Development Program was launched to provide more job skills to the entire community; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Monument Community Partnership and the Michael Chavez Center merged to become Monument Impact; and

WHEREAS, programs in Workforce Development, Healthy Community and Community Engagement were expanded; and

WHEREAS, after years of planning, in 2014, Monument Impact launched Mentas Positivas en Acción (MPA), an evidence-based mental health program exclusively for the Spanish-speaking community and led by 10 trained community promotoras and has served 1,000 people in central and east Contra Costa; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Monument Impact launched its \$2 million dollar Monument Relief & Recovery Fund to provide financial aid and rental assistance for nearly 3,000 undocumented families hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, with job losses putting families at risk of losing their homes, tenant organizing and tenant legal clinics were expanded into East Contra Costa and all programs pivoted to online formats allowing Monument Impact to reach over 10,000 people in programs, Census 2020, Get Out the Vote and other campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the Day Labor Center connects members to an average of 5,000 jobs annually and has provided health and safety workshops and skills development every year; and

WHEREAS, Monument Impact offers job readiness to the Afghan community and technology training in Farsi; and

WHEREAS, Monument Impact’s Promotoras have reached over 22,000 residents in central and east Contra Costa with vaccine outreach and appointment assistance and information about rental assistance, especially reaching out to the Latino community; and

WHEREAS, Monument Impact’s mission is to ensure that immigrants, refugees, and low-income residents in Concord and surrounding communities have the voice, tools, and relationships necessary to have an equitable share of the social and economic wealth in our region; and

WHEREAS, Monument Impact envisions a strong connected community that determines its own future, is rooted in relationships and equity, where the well-being of all is cherished.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors does hereby honor Monument Impact on the 20th Anniversary and applauds your dedication and hard work in jobs training, housing advocacy, and mental health in our community.

DIANE BURGIS

Chair, District III Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: September 21, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy